

Maryland Transportation Authority
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Base Tolls *(Note: tolls for vehicles with 3 or more axles are multiples of 2 axle toll rate; a change in 2 axle rate changes tolls for vehicles with 3 or more axles)*

1	Set two-axle cash tolls at the Harbor Crossings at \$3 effective October 1, 2011, \$4 effective July 1, 2013.	Set two-axle cash tolls at the Harbor Crossings at \$3 effective November 1, 2011, \$4 effective July 1, 2013.	Change effective date of first increase to November 1, 2011.
2	Set two-axle cash tolls on the JFK/I-95 and the Hatem Bridge at \$6 effective October 1, 2011, \$8 effective July 1, 2013.	Set two-axle cash tolls on the JFK/I-95 and the Hatem Bridge at \$6 effective November 1, 2011, \$8 effective July 1, 2013.	Change effective date of first increase to November 1, 2011.
3	Set two-axle cash tolls on the Bay Bridge and Nice Bridge at \$5 effective October 1, 2011, \$8 effective July 1, 2013.	Set two-axle cash tolls on the Bay Bridge and Nice Bridge at \$4 effective November 1, 2011, \$6 effective July 1, 2013.	At the Bay Bridge and Nice Bridge reduce the FY 12 tolls from \$5.00 to \$4.00 and the FY14 tolls from \$8.00 to \$6.00 and change the effective date of the first increase to November 1, 2011.
4	Use the current multipliers for setting tolls for each vehicle class. Include all business accounts and all vehicle classes, except two-axle vehicles and motorcycles, in the post usage plan and supplemental rebate plan. New toll rates for vehicles with three or more axles effective January 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013.	Reduce the multipliers used to set tolls on existing fixed-toll facilities (not applicable to ICC) to two times the two-axle toll for three-axle vehicles and three times the two-axle toll for four-axle vehicles. Exclude three and four axle vehicles from the post usage plan and supplemental rebate plan. Changes to toll rates and rebate programs effective January 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013.	Reduce the multipliers used to set tolls on existing fixed-toll facilities (not applicable to ICC) from 3 to 2 times the two-axle toll for three-axle vehicles and from 4.5 to 3 times the two-axle toll for four-axle vehicles. Exclude three and four axle vehicles from the post usage plan and supplemental rebate plan.

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6	<p>Establish a 10% discount rate for all motorcycles, passenger cars and light trucks (vehicles with two axles) having valid Maryland E-ZPass accounts and operable, properly mounted transponders. Change effective October 1, 2011.</p>	<p>Establish a 10% discount rate for all motorcycles, passenger cars and light trucks (vehicles with two axles) having valid Maryland E-ZPass accounts and operable, properly mounted transponders. Change effective November 1, 2011.</p>	<p>Change effective date to November 1, 2011.</p>																								
7	<p>Discontinue the Bay Bridge Shoppers Discount Plan, effective October 1, 2011.</p>	<p>Continue the Shoppers Discount at the Bay Bridge, but at a lower discount rate and duration (50% discount, valid for 90 days). Changes effective November 1, 2011.</p>	<p>Continue the Shoppers Discount at the Bay Bridge, lower discount rate and duration (50% discount, valid for 90 days). Change effective November 1, 2011.</p>																								

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8	<p>Discontinue the existing AVI decal program at the Hatem Bridge. Replace the decal with a new Maryland E-ZPass plan for 2-axle vehicles, good for an unlimited number of trips on the Hatem Bridge only. The proposed cost of the program in Phase 1 would be \$36 per year. In Phase 2 the price would increase to \$72 per year. All other E-ZPass monthly fees and transponder purchase requirements would apply. All changes effective October 1, 2011.</p>	<p>Phase out the existing AVI decal program at the Hatem Bridge by September 30, 2012. Offer two new Maryland E-ZPass programs for two-axle vehicles, good for an unlimited number of trips on the Hatem Bridge only. The programs begin on February 1, 2012 and cost \$10 per year. On July 1, 2013 the price increases to \$20 per year.</p>	<p>The AVI decal is phased out by September 30, 2012. A second new E-ZPass program is offered, with a transponder limited to the Hatem Bridge only and no monthly account fees or pre-paid tolls required. The programs begin on February 1, 2012 and cost \$10 per year. On July 1, 2013 the price increases to \$20 per year.</p>

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10	<p>No changes to the Supplemental Rebate program for very high frequency vehicles with three or more axles.</p>	<p>The Supplemental rebate program is modified to apply only to vehicles with five or more axles and expanded to provide rebates to vehicles making 60 or more trips per month as shown below, effective January 1, 2012.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">Very Frequent User Post- Usage Rebate</th></tr><tr><th>Rebate</th><th>Trips per transponder per month</th></tr><tr><td>5%</td><td>60-79</td></tr><tr><td>10%</td><td>80-99</td></tr><tr><td>15%</td><td>100 or more</td></tr></table>	Very Frequent User Post- Usage Rebate		Rebate	Trips per transponder per month	5%	60-79	10%	80-99	15%	100 or more	<p>The Supplemental rebate program is modified to apply only to vehicles with five or more axles and expanded to provide rebates to vehicles making 60 or more trips per month, effective January 1, 2012.</p>										
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11	Eliminate the existing ticket programs at the Hatem Bridge for vehicles with three or more axles (A-Series tickets and T-Series tickets). Trucks and other vehicles with five or more axles using valid Maryland E-ZPass business accounts and transponders would become eligible to participate in the post-usage discount programs MDTA already offers.	Phase out existing ticket programs at the Hatem Bridge for vehicles with three or more axles (A-Series tickets and T-Series tickets). Sales of T-Series tickets (used for trailers in conjunction with the AVI decal) end on Aug. 31, 2012. Acceptance of T-Series tickets ends on Sept. 30, 2012. Sales of A-Series tickets for vehicles with five axles end on Dec. 31, 2011. Prices for A-Series tickets for vehicles with 3 and 4 axles rise by 50 percent every six months beginning Jan. 1, 2012 until the effective price equals the base toll for that vehicle class. At that time ticket sales end.	Extend the transition period for the existing A-Series and T-Series tickets

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Additional Features

12	Eliminate the \$3 Notice of Toll Due Fee for fixed-toll facilities and establish a Video Toll Rate 125% of the base toll. Change effective October 1, 2011.	Eliminate the \$3 Notice of Toll Due Fee for fixed-toll facilities Establish a Video Toll Rate 150% of the base toll with a minimum video surcharge of \$1 and a maximum of \$15.00. Change effective November 1, 2011.	Increase video surcharge rate from 125% to 150% of the base toll and set a minimum and a maximum for the video surcharge. Change effective date to November 1, 2011.
13	Eliminate the \$3 Notice of Toll Due Fee and establish a Video Toll mileage rate range for the ICC that is 125% of the base toll mileage rate range. Change effective October 1, 2011.	Eliminate the \$3 Notice of Toll Due Fee and establish a Video Toll mileage rate range for the ICC that is 150% of the base toll mileage rate range. Change effective November 1, 2011.	Increase the Video Toll range from 125% of the base to 150% of the base. Change the effective date to November 1, 2011.
14	No change to monthly account maintenance fee.	Waive the \$1.50 monthly account maintenance fee for accounts that use MDTA facilities three or more times during the previous month. Change effective November 1, 2011.	Waive \$1.50 monthly account maintenance fee for accounts that use MDTA facilities three or more times per month.
15	All cash tolls in whole dollar amounts	All cash tolls in whole dollar amounts	
16			Price for transponders decreases as cost from vendor decreases. This occurs automatically and does not require Board approval.